

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 40 is respectfully requested. The fact that other types of memory other than flash memories might hold one or more of the components set forth in the second paragraph of claim 40 is of no moment. Nothing suggests that all these components could be nontraditionally stored within a flash memory. For example, the fact that system memory might include one of these components does not teach any reason to put the component in flash memory since system memory is traditionally formed of DRAM.

Therefore reconsideration of the rejection of claim 40 is respectfully requested.

Dependent claim 46 calls for the flash memory storing an allocation table to indicate the length of the entry stored in the flash memory and the number of entries in the allocation table. However, nothing in any of the cited references suggests any reason to put an allocation table in flash memory. Moreover, no one suggests using the allocation table in another memory that also includes the memory array.

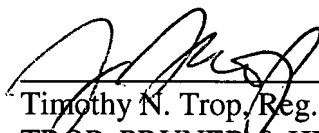
For example, the cited reference to Garner plainly teaches (in the material relied upon) the use of a separate memory to store the FAT or file allocation table. Specifically, as explained in column 6, lines 62-65, the position of the sectors is stored with a logical sector number in a lookup table 70 which is preferably held in random access memory 16. According to Figure 1, it can be seen on random access memory 16 is separate from the memory chips 11. *See* column 4, lines 60-75.

Thus, whatever information is relied upon in column 7 with respect to the rejection of claim 46, does not teach storing such length information in an allocation table in the same memory. Instead, the address information that is stored in the same memory is exclusively set forth at column 6, lines 1-10. None of that information includes any length information or any information about the number of entries in an allocation table.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 46 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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